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Howard B. Dean, M.D., Governor | Sybil Brigham McShane, State Librarian
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VERMONT ONLINE LIBRARY DEBUTS

The "Vermont Online Library" (VOL) is about to open its virtual doors. The VOL is a collection of online resources offered as part of a Department of Libraries contract with the Gale Group. The Gale Group was chosen to provide the online databases by an advisory committee convened by the Department of Libraries, representing the libraries of the University of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges, Vermont's independent colleges, as well as public and school libraries.

VOL's purpose is to ensure statewide, online access for all Vermont residents and students in Vermont schools and colleges to a core set of full-text information resources through the licensing of online/electronic information database products. Participants in VOL have unlimited access to the licensed materials and are authorized to provide their patrons with on-site, walk-in access or remote access from home or office to the licensed materials. These resources are:

- Infotrac One-File PLUS - with Ingenta
- General Reference Center GOLD
- Expanded Academic Index - with Ingenta
- InfoTrac Senior Edition
- InfoTrac Junior Edition
- InfoTrac Kids Edition
- Senior Edition - K12 Graphic Interface
- Junior Edition - K12 Graphic Interface
- Kids Edition - K12 Graphic Interface
- Kids Edition - K12 Graphic Subject Browse
- InfoTrac K12 Professional Collection
- Computer Database ASAP
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center with Alternative Health Module
- InfoTrac Custom Newspapers - New York Times + (1) Other Newspaper yet to be selected

More information on these databases with title listings is available at
http://dol.state.vt.us/gopher_root5/libraries/vol/gale.html

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane said that she anticipates a nominal membership fee for libraries which for public libraries will be based on their Legal Service Area (LSA) population (2000 census), for school libraries on their highest grade level, and for colleges on their FTE student population. About three-quarters of the total cost for the statewide service will be covered by state and federal funding and one-quarter by membership payments from Vermont public, school and college libraries.

The databases will be coming online in November, with official kickoff on December 1, 2002, and running through November 30, 2004. Libraries will need to sign up during November, but the membership payment will not be due until July 1, 2003 and will cover two years service (Dec., 2002 thru Nov., 2004). A

library that currently subscribes to a Gale Group online database that is also offered in VOL can receive a prorated credit that can be used toward the purchase of any other Gale Group online database, CD-ROM or print product. Special VOL discounts on Gale products will also be available for a limited time. More information about access, demos, membership, and training will be available to libraries shortly.

BOARD ADDS NEW MEMBER

David E. L. Brown of Peacham was recently appointed by Governor Howard B. Dean, M.D., to the Vermont Board of Libraries. The former chair of the Peacham Library board of trustees, Brown served on that board during 2000-2001 expansion project, helping to raise funds and work with contractors and community volunteers. Brown is also a member of the Vermont Library Trustees Association Steering Committee and has led a number of workshops at various statewide conferences for trustees. A retired librarian with degrees from Columbia, Yale, and Rutgers, Brown most recently worked at the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury. Prior to that, he was a librarian at private schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and was a United Church of Christ Pastor in Montana and two towns in Vermont.

The Board of Libraries serves in an advisory capacity to the State Librarian and generally meets at 10:30 am on the third Tuesday of the even-numbered months at the Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Other members include Joan Rahe, Chair (Bennington); Susan Bruce (St. Albans); Nancy Price Graff (Montpelier); Laura Lewis (Guilford); John Rosenthal (Charlotte); and Rosemary Rogers (Proctor).

LIBRARIES APPLY FOR YEAR 2 VPLF GRANTS

Public libraries eligible to apply for Year 2 Public Library Incentive Grants from the Vermont Public Library Foundation/Freeman Foundation had until September 30 to submit proposals this year. State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane noted that she was "delighted to continue this unique opportunity for Vermont's public libraries to demonstrate their vital role in the community." The two year VPLF program matches 50% of each public library's operating income as reported to the Department of libraries in 1999 each year, with amounts ranging from a \$5,000 minimum to \$250,000.

Year 1 Interim Reports have revealed that the VPLF funds are being used "as we hoped they would be," noted McShane. "Libraries tried offering new services that they did not have funds to risk." Delivery service to homebound residents, internet training at community centers, new collections of DVDs and books on CD, and reorganizations of space have been among the projects reported. Libraries in Bellows Falls, Bennington, North Bennington, Brandon, Fairfield, Hartland, Lyndonville, Marshfield, Putney, Stamford, and Vernon embarked on automation projects.

Libraries in Dover, Essex Junction, Fairlee, Hyde Park, Quechee, Richmond, St. Johnsbury, and Wallingford began large scale building renovation or addition projects. Many more began building improvements, from a new slate roof in Derby Line to running water in Weston. Expanded programming for all ages and public relations, along with added public service hours and staff served to enhance library service to many communities. The Mt. Holly Library hired its first paid staff using VPLF funds, and several libraries hired staff to focus on particular populations such as children and young adults. Technology services were upgraded, including additional public access computers, furniture, and training for the public and staff. A brief overview of each grant project is available at the Department of Libraries website, which also includes application forms, interim report forms, and photos of award ceremonies (<http://dol.state.vt.us>).

Public libraries were to complete the Year 2 application forms if: 1) they applied for Year 1 for only a single year of funding/single year project; 2) they applied for only a partial amount of Year 1 funds and carried the rest forward to Year 2; or 3) they requested permission to delay application for both years until Year 2. Year 2 funds will only be awarded after Year 1 Interim Reports are filed. Libraries with questions may contact McShane (828-3265) or Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services (828-2320).

FY2003 STANDARDS PROGRAM INCLUDES CHOICE

Copies of Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries and necessary application forms were mailed in early September to all public and community libraries and were due at the Department of Libraries by November 1, 2002. The Vermont Board of Libraries will meet on December 10 to review the list of libraries found eligible for standards with State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane. This year public libraries could again meet either the 1986 standards or the new, 1998 version. A library must apply each year in order to be considered for standards. Libraries will be notified of eligibility by December 31.

All libraries - whether applying for standards or not - should have completed and returned the Public Library Report in order to remain eligible for Department of Libraries services, to be listed accurately in the Vermont Library Directory, and to receive interlibrary loan and other materials in a timely manner.

The number of libraries meeting standards has risen from 42 in 1972 to 129 in 2002, with 80 libraries meeting the 1998 version. Public libraries that meet standards are again eligible to use the Vermont Centralized Card/MARC Service which provides free cataloging in card or computer format for new acquisitions and makes materials readily available for interlibrary loan via the PUBCAT database on VALS. In addition, libraries meeting standards are eligible for various grant opportunities as they arise.

If a library applies for standards and is found not to meet them, it may request help from the Technical Assistance Team (TAT). The TAT will include a member of the Board of Libraries, a Department of Libraries consultant, and a public librarian or trustee from the area. They will help the board and librarian develop a written Standards Action Plan, with specific steps and a timeline for meeting standards during a period of no more than one year. While a library is working with the TAT, it will be eligible for the services that the Department of Libraries provides to libraries meeting standards. Libraries found not meeting standards may also appeal in writing to the State Librarian by January 31, 2003. Librarians and trustees with questions about the standards may call Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services, 828-2320.

"SERVING SENIORS" SPURS DISCUSSION

Vermont public librarians learned about maturing adults' concerns and some practical ways libraries are addressing them in this summer's "Serving Seniors" workshops sponsored by the Department of Libraries. Facilitated by Special Services Consultant S. Francis Woods, the workshops were held in St. Johnsbury and Middlebury for about 60 librarians.

Speaking in St. Johnsbury, Pat Burnham of the Council of Vermont Elders (COVE) offered some interesting statistics:

- 80% of hospitalized in-patients are over 65
- 5% of older Vermonters are in nursing homes or in long-term care
- 40% of elders live under 200% of the poverty level
- two-thirds of Vermonters over age 65 are women
- half of those over age 85 have some dementia

The author of Life's Third Act: Taking Control of Your Mature Years (Masters Media, 1997), Burnham noted that older Vermonters should be "as engaged in life as they prefer," and that key issues are health care, affordable housing, independence and self-control, transportation, protection of personal rights and other legal issues, and basic economic security. She encouraged those with questions about services for older Vermonters to contact their local Area Agency (or Council) on Aging.

Librarians with outreach programs also explained the nuts and bolts of their services at the workshop. Laura Phelps, librarian at the Ainsworth Public Library in Williamstown told about this year's Vermont Public Library Foundation/Freeman project expanding service to senior citizens. Prior to writing the grant proposal, Phelps asked representative seniors in town to tell her how they spend their days, what they feel their role in town is, and what the library could do for them. Several characterized themselves as "invisible," isolated from the rest of the community, and Phelps determined that the library should provide programs, delivery service, more large print and audio materials, and computer training for older adults in Williamstown. Phelps described a very successful series of listening to and discussing oral history tapes produced by former librarian Joyce Day in the 1970's which garnered enthusiasm for a similar project this year.

Jacque Walker and Lee Bonamico of Barre's Aldrich Public Library and Barbara Shatara of Burlington's Fletcher Free Library discussed the basics of home delivery. They showed book delivery bags, cards used to keep track of patrons' interests, publicity pieces, and other practical aspects of their services. Woods described the services of the Department's Special Services Unit and urged librarians to call on him for help. Workshop participants, working in small groups, also generated a set of program and service ideas to share with others. These idea packets, workshop handouts, and a list of selected websites are also available from Woods (email frank.woods@dol.state.vt.us, 828-3273).

TRUSTEES/LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON CHANGE

Trustees and public librarians meeting in Montpelier November 2 focused their attention on the various changes their libraries are facing and will face. New formats, electronic resources, societal and demographic changes, and other external influences were examined in a keynote by State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane. "How is YOUR Library Changing" was the theme for the annual fall conference of the Vermont Library Association's Vermont Library Trustees Association and Public Libraries Section on Saturday, November 2, at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. In dealing with inevitable changes, librarians and trustees must remain open to new ideas for serving evolving communities, McShane said. "They will have to use all the resources at their disposal to serve a variety of needs." She pointed to the Vermont Online Library (see above) as one positive way libraries can better serve their users, and she recommended librarians and trustees take advantage of all pertinent continuing education opportunities.

Four workshops followed the keynote and focused on topics of extreme importance to both librarians and trustees:

- Gail Weymouth, chair of VLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, reviewed current national and state obscenity laws and how they impact policymaking and practices, particularly as they apply to public access computing
- Essex Junction trustee chair Angie Chapple-Sokol reviewed how board meetings should be run and the necessity for observing the Open Meeting Law and including all views in discussion of important issues
- Keeping the library in the public eye and promoting community involvement was covered by marketing consultant Liz Schlegel who has been working with trustees and staff in Waterbury to improve their public image

- Brattleboro and Wells River librarians Jerry Carbone and Peggy Hewes reviewed new collection formats they have recently purchased, why they were added, and how they have been integrated with traditional materials

Former Peacham trustee David E. L. Brown, now a member of the Vermont Board of Libraries, closed the day with a review of ethics and referred librarians and trustees to ALA codes of ethics, available in the conference packet which is available from Marianne Kotch, Department of Libraries, 828-2320. Thanks to members of the VLTA Steering Committee and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library staff and board for an information-packed day.

TECHNICAL SERVICES NEWS

Libraries using the Department of Libraries Centralized Card/MARC Service are encouraged to use the service for cataloging print and nonprint materials. Lorraine Lanius, Head of the Department of Libraries Technical Services Unit, notes that libraries should specify the number of volumes, cassettes, videos or CDs belonging to a set when sending requests. This should enable her unit to make a better match on titles and should offer libraries more accurate descriptions for patrons.

In addition, Lanius requests that libraries that automate contact either her or Sybil McShane for further information about submitting records for the various databases included in the Vermont Automated Libraries System (VALS). Transfer of records to VALS is accomplished on a case by case basis for each library. Libraries do need to notify the Technical Services Unit (828-3261) when they automate in order to maintain good standing in the Vermont Union Catalog (VUC).

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DEPOSITORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The New England Regional Depository, a joint project of NELINET and the William B. Meyer Company, is under construction. The facility, located in Franklin MA, is scheduled to be open by December, 2002, with the first materials to be moved into the facility from the Boston Athenaeum. For those who are interested in participating in the facility, a full prospectus and associated information is available on the NELINET web site at <http://www.nelinet.net/depository/index.htm>

The New England Regional Depository will house lesser-used materials owned by NELINET members. Under the agreement, NELINET will provide libraries with training and consulting services to select and transfer materials to storage, and will handle all financial transactions. Meyer will be responsible for the building (including selection, construction, and facilities security and management), and for inventory control. The two organizations will work collaboratively to establish pricing, to market the facility, and to develop the facility building specifications. It is anticipated that the Depository will hold at least 250,000 items.

There are two new documents available on the website:

1. Libraries which have used the DepositCalc and who are interested in getting a firm quote for participation should complete and send the "request for quotation" form that can be found at <http://www.nelinet.net/depository/rfq-quote.doc>. (This is a downloadable Word document) The completed form should be sent to ahirshon@nelinet.net
2. Libraries which are ready to sign up should be aware that an updated and revised version of the sample agreements (between NELINET and the library, and Meyer and the library) is also now available at http://www.nelinet.net/depository/deposit/serv_agr.doc. This is also a downloadable Word document.

A series of Getting Started workshops are planned for participating libraries and the Depository staff will contact libraries upon receiving signed agreements. Arnold Hirshon, Executive Director of NELINET,

notes that his staff is available to visit potential participants and provide additional information about the Depository. Contact him at (508) 597-1934 or via email ahirshon@nelinet.net.

CONGRESS PASSES "TEACH" ACT

Critical distance education legislation, the TEACH Act, has now passed both houses of Congress as an amendment to the Justice Department reauthorization bill (H.R. 5512). According to Senator Patrick J. Leahy, the language of this legislation is identical to that of the Hatch-Leahy TEACH Act that the Senate passed in June 2001 (CR S9889). ALA has long supported this version. The President is expected to sign H.R. 5512 soon and the TEACH Act will go into effect immediately.

The TEACH Act expands face-to-face teaching exemptions in the copyright law, allowing teachers and faculty to use copyrighted works in the "digital classroom" without prior permission from the copyright holder. The law is complex and details numerous responsibilities that must be met before educational institutions (including their libraries) can benefit from the exemptions.

The American Library Association's Washington Office has created a TEACH Web site to help members understand the complexities of TEACH (www.ala.org/washoff/teach.html). In addition, the Office for Information Technology Policy will offer an e-mail tutorial on distance education and copyright in the near future. Watch the Washington Office website (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/alawon>) for more information.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

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Interlibrary loan and VALS periodical requests...

The new blank ILL forms in DOL's web-based catalog (Web2) give you an easier process for requesting periodical articles. When you need a periodical article, go to the multiple library search screen in Web2. Choose "**Blank ILL Forms**" at the bottom of this screen. At the next screen, choose "**ILL form to request an article in a periodical.**" If you are using this form for the first time, see the "**Help Window**" for instructions. If the article citation you have is not complete, be sure to send it to DOL_ILL for additional information, e.g. paging or date. You may also send periodical requests to DOL_ILL whenever you need help locating a library that owns the periodical you need.

Sometimes you can locate a participating VALS library that owns the periodical issue you need, either by searching the libraries catalog through the Web2 multiple library search or by searching the library's own web-based catalog. When you need an article, have a complete periodical citation and know which VALS library owns the issue you need, send your periodical request via the ILL form on Web2 directly to the owning VALS library at their full VALS email address (valsusername@dol.state.vt.us). The exception to this is if you want an article from Middlebury College, the University of Vermont or Dartmouth College. For all three of these libraries, always send your request to DOL_ILL.

Interlibrary loan and the University of Vermont, Middlebury College and Dartmouth College...

When you need an item that you find in the University of Vermont, Middlebury College or Dartmouth College catalogs on Web2, the ILL request form will automatically fill-in "dol_ill@dol.state.vt.us" in the field for "**Send this request to**". Do not change this address to try to send the request directly to any of these libraries. The requests are to be sent to DOL_ILL and the address already filled in on the form is correct. Also, if you are unable to find an item through Web2 that you know that you want to request from UVM, Middlebury or Dartmouth, and you choose to fill in a Blank ILL Form, you should accept the default "Send this Request to" address: "dol_ill@dol.state.vt.us" rather than try to send to request directly to UVM, Middlebury or Dartmouth.

Interlibrary loan and Vermont newspapers...

The Vermont Dept. of Libraries owns newspaper microfilm for the majority of Vermont newspapers dating back, for some papers, to the early 1800's. The Department will lend most of this microfilm. Find listings for these newspaper titles and the dates owned at the Vermont Newspaper Project web site, <http://danalib.uvm.edu/vtnp/vnphome.html>. All of the Department's newspaper titles are also listed in the Web2 catalog, but the records for Vermont newspapers state that *"There are no holdings for this title. Please do not request."* Holdings, i.e. dates for issues owned, for the Department's newspapers are listed only at the Vermont NewspaperProject web site. You may borrow microfilm for your patron to use in your library if you have a microfilm reader. Send an email message to DOL_ILL with the title of the newspaper and the dates you need. Begin your request message with your request number which includes your library's VUC symbol and a unique number. For example,

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Newspaper microfilm:

Montpelier Evening Argus, July-December, 1951

DOL_ILL lends a maximum of four reels of microfilm per library. As reels are returned, additional reels may be borrowed.

Interlibrary loan and the Library of Congress...

The Library of Congress will no longer accept requests sent on traditional ALA forms. Library of Congress will only accept requests sent via OCLC, RLIN or email. These email requests must be sent using a Library of Congress form available at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/loan/illrequest.html>

Interlibrary loan and postage rates...

The United States Postal Service offers several rates for library materials. You can save by using the right rate:

- When you mail within Vermont, for packages weighing up to and including 2 lbs., use "library mail" for the lowest cost.
- When you mail within Vermont, for packages containing print materials that weigh over 2 lbs. mailed, use "bound printed matter" for the lowest cost. It is very important when using the "bound printed matter" rate to include the statement, "forwarding service requested." When you use "bound printed matter," if your package has an address that does not exist and your package cannot be delivered, the Postal Service will dispose of your package unless it is labeled, "forwarding service requested." With "bound printed matter" and "forwarding service requested," if your package is returned to you, you will be charged for the return postage. With "library mail," all undeliverable packages are returned, with postage due, automatically.
- "Bound printed matter" cannot be used for non-print materials. Use "library mail" instead.

Questions? See the U.S. Postal Service web site, www.usps.gov, or contact Marjorie Zunder, VT Dept. of Libraries, marj.zunder@dol.state.vt.us

****AVAILABLE****

RESOURCES...

...GENERATIONS ONLINE, a nonprofit program, introduces the Internet to Seniors where they live and congregate. Using familiar images and large type instructions, the program guides elders who have no computer experience through basic email, a multilingual search, links to others sites and more. Generations on Line provides simplified Internet software, support materials, and service to retirement communities, long-term care and assisted living facilities, private and subsidized housing, senior centers, and public libraries nationwide. For more information visit www.generationsonline.com or send inquiries to lisavan@generationsonline.com

...VERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY ALMANAC, 2nd ed., offers answers to often-asked questions by Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services. The new edition, in an Accessibility to Who-to-call alphabetical format, offers resources including websites for further exploration and information. Available at http://dol.state.vt.us/gopher_root5/libraries/misc/misc_docs.html or request a copy from mary.moore@dol.state.vt.us.

...LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AUTHORITY RECORDS are now available online on the Library's Web site at <http://authorities.loc.gov>. Known as Library of Congress Authorities, the free online service allows users to search, display and download authority records in the MARC 21 format for use in local library systems. A PowerPoint presentation on Library of Congress Authorities is available at <http://www.loc.gov/ils/ala02arv.ppt>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION...

...Draft guidelines for the Recruitment and Education of Librarians for the 21st Century grant program are available on the IMLS Web site at: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/pdf/2003Guide21.pdf>. Since February 2002, when the President included \$10 million for the initiative as part of his budget request, IMLS has been soliciting input from the library and education communities to shape priorities that are consistent with the scope of the program and best meet library service needs. No deadline can be established for this program until an FY 2003 appropriations bill has been passed by Congress and signed by the President. Should funding become available later this year, IMLS will act quickly to set a deadline, issue final guidelines, review proposals, and make awards.

GRANTS...

...The National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants can help libraries, archives, museums and historical organizations enhance their capacity to preserve their humanities collections. The 2003 deadline is May 15 and information is available at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/presassistance.html>.

WEBSITES TO EXPLORE...

... <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/checkweb.htm> – Checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal
... <http://www.philobiblon.com/bkrepair/BookRepair.html> – very basic mending how-tos
... <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dltcl/pld/plspace.html> – Public Library Space Needs: A Planning Outline, by Anders C. Dahlgren. Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, 1998.
... <http://www.Librarysales.org> – one of several sites for selling used library books online

COMING EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 11 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Tues., Nov. 12, 9:00 am – Materials Review Session with video of Oct. 29 session and general discussion, Milton Public Library. Repeats Thurs., Nov. 14, NERL, St. Johnsbury. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Fri., Nov. 15, 9:00 am – "Booked for Breakfast" discussion group for children's librarians, Lawrence Memorial Library, Bristol. Contact: Priscilla, 453-2366 or LMLkids@yahoo.com.

Fri., Nov. 15, 9:30 am – VLA College & Special Libraries Section fall conference – *The Changing Image of the Librarian, or... Are You There, Marion?* Champlain College, Burlington. Registration fee: \$20. Contact: Paula Olsen, 865-6486.

Tues., Nov. 19, 9:00 am – Chittenden County Librarians meeting, VSAC Resource Center, Winooski. Contact: Rickie Emerson, 878-4918.

Thurs., Nov. 21, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. board meeting. Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Karen Lane, 476-7550.

Thurs., Nov. 21 and Fri., Nov. 22 – Sheila Kearns will assist public librarians with e-rate filing by appointment. Midstate Regional Library Gates Training Lab., Berlin. Contact Sheila Kearns, 828-3261.

Fri., Nov. 22, 9:30 am – Mock Caldecott program, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Mon., Nov. 25, 9:30 am – Franklin-Grand Isle Librarians meeting, VSAC Resource Center, Winooski. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28 & 29 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Wed., Dec. 4, 9:30 am – Lamoille County Librarians meeting, Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Fri., Dec. 6, 9:30 am – Public Library Directors Quarterly Forum, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Topics for discussion: computer graphics and promotional ideas, budget preparation and presentation. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues., Dec. 10, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Thurs., Dec. 12, 9:30 am – Rutland County Librarians meeting, Brandon Free Public Library. Contact: Ned Richards, 828-2320.

Tues., Jan. 14, 9:30 am – *New Planning for Results* seminar series initial meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Follow up sessions planned monthly through June. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Wed., Jan. 15, 9:30 am – Addison County Librarians meeting, Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury. Contact: Ned Richards, 828-2320.

Thurs., Jan. 16, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. board meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Karen Lane, 476-7550

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

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Performers' manual...

We are currently finishing up our biennial PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN manual. There are many new entries, so finding someone to go to your library or school should be easier than ever. The project has taken longer than anticipated, but we hope to have it ready in December. It will not be mailed automatically, but is available free to all Vermont schools and public libraries by calling or writing Jenn Weed (828-3261; email: CBEC@dol.state.vt.us). We also plan to have it available at the Department's website, searchable by keyword.

Friends of DCF...

The first meeting of the new Friends of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Program was held on October 16 in Montpelier. About 50 people heard students from three schools talking about what the DCF program has meant to them (a lot!) and then an inspirational speech from the ever-amazing Katherine Paterson. The purpose of the Friends of DCF is to promote the Award program through programs and publicity. The DCF committee will work closely with the Friends, but will not run that organization. Here is your chance to help Vermont children in grades 4-8 become passionate and engaged readers! For details contact Sally Margolis at 525-4538 ; email salmargo@yahoo.com.

The first project of the Friends of DCF will be the first-ever DCF conference to promote the DCF program and inspire educators to improve their reading programs for grades 4-8. Two-time Newbery medallist Lois Lowry will keynote the conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Rutland on Friday, May 2, 2003. The after lunch speaker will be Linda Rief, a seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher from New Hampshire who has written several books on literacy in the classroom. There will also be workshops on various topics, books for sale, and plenty of excitement. A number of organizations are joining the Department of Libraries in the planning. Registration forms will be sent out to all libraries and schools in early spring, but save the date now. Please alert all the 4th-8th grade teachers that you know, too!

National Book Award nominees...

There are four books nominated for the children's book award of the National Book Awards. They are: Nancy Farmer's The house of the scorpion (Atheneum); Naomi Shihab Nye's 19 varieties of gazelle; poems of the middle east (Greenwillow); M. T. Anderson's Feed (Candlewick), and Jacqueline Woodson's Hush (Putnam). The winning title will be announced on November 20.

Camel's Hump Radio...

The third season of Camel's Hump Radio, Vermont's weekly book series for families, is well under way. Each Sunday night at 7:00, a professional actor reads an excerpt from a great children's book such as The Giver by Lois Lowry (November 24) or A Wizard Of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin (December 15). Libraries around the state have been displaying books that are read along with the Camel's Hump poster, and giving out bookmarks. Since those titles disappear quickly, enhance your display with the companion titles listed on the website, as well as other books by the featured author. There is a lot of information, and a lot of good links on the website (www.vpr.net), so steer your customers there, as well. VPR is working closely with the Department of Libraries to choose both companion books for this year, and the featured titles for the next series, so we are delighted with this collaboration.

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